

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 9, 16 and 17 are amended. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein.

In paragraph 1 on page 2, the Office Action requests that the Applicants correct any errors of which the Applicants are aware in the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that they are not aware of any errors in the specification.

In section 2 on page 2, the Office Action objects to claim 1. Claim 1 is amended to make the change suggested by the Office Action. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 1 specified in section 2 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

In section 4 on pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claims 1, 8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,450,278 to Lee et al. (hereinafter "Lee"). In section 7 on page 4, the Office Action rejects claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

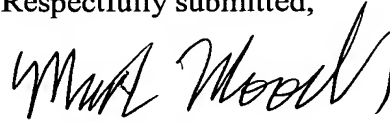
In section 8 on page 4, the Office Action indicates that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate all of the subject matter of claim 2. Claims 3, 9, 16 and 17 are amended to depend from claim 1. Thus, claims 3-30 depend from claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the prior art rejections of claims 1, 8, 14 and 15 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 3-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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